

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Greenwood Foundry 1801 Foundry Road, Greenwood, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through October 3, 2017.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 17-5707-NRP, will affect approximately 13.49 acres located at 1801 Foundry Road, Greenwood, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Greenwood County Tax Map Serial Number 6855-515-137, Lots 1 and 2. The City of Greenwood wants to acquire the property from the current owner. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and the City of Greenwood.

The property was formerly the location of a foundry that manufactured cast iron parts for textile operations. Foundry operations were conducted from approximately 1931 to 1997. These past activities have caused environmental pollution on the property.

The property is currently vacant, but the City of Greenwood plans to redevelop the property for a recreational park. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow the City of Greenwood to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the environmental pollution from past activities on the property. DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites.

The City of Greenwood did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for the planned re-use as a recreational park. Under the proposed contract, the City of Greenwood will clean up and control contaminated soil and waste material on the property. DHEC will not hold the City of Greenwood responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, the City of Greenwood will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through October 3, 2017. Questions or comments may be directed to Angela Gorman, Project Manager, by e-mail at gormanak@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0929, or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Angela Gorman at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.